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EO 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PFOR, SY, US, SOPN  
SUBJECT: CONTINUED SYRIAN PRESS TREATMENT RE U.S. THREAT TO OIL  
INSTALLATIONS

1. SYRIAN NEWSPAPERS GIVE ONGOING ATTENTION TO STATEMENT BY  
U.S. OFFICIALS RE I E OF FORCE AGAINST OIL INSTALLATIONS.  
COLUMNIST IN AL BAATH PARTY NEWSPAPER ON JANUARY 23 SAYS  
THESE STATEMENTS ARE IN CONTRAST TO PREVIOUS AMERICAN STATEMENTS  
EMPHASIZING U.S. DESIRE TO PROMOTE PEACE IN M.E. AUTHOR  
CONCLUDES THAT U.S. EFFORTS FOR PEACE WERE NOT SUCCEEDING  
AND THREAT ISSUED IN ATTEMPT NEUTRALIZE OIL WEAPON IN ANY  
FUTURE CONFRONTATION.

2. SECOND COLUMN, WHICH APPEARED SAME DAY IN AL THAWRA,  
TIES THREAT TO ATMOSPHERE IN M.E. AS SECRETARY PLANS ANOTHER  
TRIP TO AREA. WRITER SAYS THAT ATMOSPHERE IS TENSE AND CITES  
FOLLOWING: PRESIDENT FORD IS ASKING FOR CONGRESSIONAL PERMISSION TO  
USE AMERICAN FORCES IN M.E. IF NECESSARY. FORD THEN SAYING  
OIL BOYCOTT WILL NOT STRANGLE U.S. BUT, WRITER CONTINUES, U.S.  
MOVING FLEET TO PERSIAN GULF AND  
DEMANDING FACILITIES ON AL MASIRAH  
ISLAND. MEANWHILE, ALLON SAYS U.S. EXERTING NO PRESSURE ON ISRAEL.  
ISRAEL APPROPRIATES 100 BILLION POUNDS FOR DEFENSE. AUTHOR THEN  
ASKS IF THIS IS PROPER ATMOSPHERE FOR SECRETARY TO REACH  
PEACE DURING HIS FORTHCOMING TALKS.  
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